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Enjoy a

Star Spangled Independence Day Celebration in Marietta



The City of Marietta cordially invites you to join other Cobb County residents for an old-fashioned Independence Day Celebration.

The fun begins at 10 a.m. on July 4 with the city's traditional July 4 Parade. Patriotic floats, community groups, elected officials, beauty pageant winners, clowns, high school bands, and many others will again delight the crowd as they march from Roswell Street Baptist Church to

Marietta Square. The city has adopted "America, the Land That I Love" as the theme for this year's parade. Featured participants will include: a drill team from Baltimore, Md.; the Marietta High School Marching Band; the Pope High School Band; and the Trail Maids from Mobile, Ala.

Following the parade, you can take time to browse the unique arts and crafts that vendors will have on display around the square, or stroll through

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KEEP COOL THIS SUMMER WITHOUT OVERHEATING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

The arrival of hot weather doesn't have to cause an upward spike in your electric bill. You can help control your cooling costs in a variety of ways. For example:

⚡ **Keep Filters Clean** — Clean or replace your air conditioner's filter every month. A dirty filter makes your unit work harder and use more electricity. Hardware and home improvement stores sell permanent filters that you can wash with a garden hose.

⚡ **Minimize Heat from Light Bulbs** — Ordinary light bulbs generate a lot of heat that your air conditioner has to overcome. Replace those bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. These bulbs use 75-percent less energy than standard bulbs and produce up to 90-percent less heat.

⚡ **Use Ceiling Fans** — Ceiling fans use very little energy and can make the temperature feel 10 degrees cooler. Just make sure your fan blows air down, sending air past your body. As the air circulates around you, it removes the hot air that surrounds your body.

⚡ **Set Your Thermostat a Little Higher** — Try cooling your home to only 78 degrees. Each degree below that temperature will increase your energy use as much as 8 percent.

⚡ **Take Advantage of Timers** — Install a programmable thermostat with a built-in timer on central air conditioning units, or purchase a plug-in timer for window units. Set the timer to turn the unit off shortly after you leave for the day and turn back on an hour or so before you return.

⚡ **Properly Seal Doors and Windows** — When cold air escapes easily, you pay a lot more to cool your home. Use caulk or weather stripping to seal gaps around doors or windows, and caulk around holes where pipes enter the wall under sinks.

⚡ **Close Off Unused Rooms** — Don't pay to cool a room that you aren't in. However, if you have a central air conditioning unit, check your owner's manual or consult an air conditioning professional to determine how many vents you can safely close. Shutting down too many vents on a central air conditioning unit can cause air pressure to build up and make ducts leak. ⚡

"Treasures from the Attic"

Garage Sale and Auction Delights Bargain Hunters and Local Charities

Make plans now to attend the second annual Marietta Benefit Bazaar, "Treasures from the Attic," on Saturday, July 26, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Bargain hunters and anyone who loves to search out antiques, consignment shops or thrift stores for treasures that others missed will especially enjoy the event, which benefits participating non-profit groups. Local charities, such as Friends of Brumby Hall, the Marietta-Cobb Museum of Art, MUST Ministries, Marietta High School, YWCA of Northwest Georgia, and several church and civic organizations, raised almost \$20,000 at last year's inaugural Benefit Bazaar.

For this year's edition of "Treasures from the Attic," participating non-profit groups will again set up bazaar locations in numerous places around the city. The Marietta Parks and Recreation Department will publish "Treasure Maps" that identify each bazaar location. A map listing will cost each group \$15, which covers printing and publicity costs.

Parks and Recreation Department employees will place these maps in the Marietta Welcome Center and numerous other downtown locations the week before the treasure hunting begins. Treasure seekers will also find maps available at all bazaar locations on the day of the event.

Treasure hunters can gather at the courtyard between Marietta City Hall and the fire and police buildings for a public auction on the afternoon of July 26. City officials will announce details regarding the auction at a later date.

For more information on the 2003 Marietta Benefit Bazaar, "Treasures from the Attic" please call Rich Buss at (770) 794-5601 or visit www.city.marietta.ga.us ⚡



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the distinctive shops in the downtown area. You can also take advantage of an opportunity to let the youngsters in your family work off some excess energy on the inflatable slides and moon walks. Then, grab a bite to eat at one of the concession tents or sit down for lunch at a restaurant on the square.

For your musical entertainment, the Mustangs will perform on the bandstand in Glover Park, beginning at noon. City officials will then present awards for the best floats in the morning parade at 1:30 p.m. At 2 p.m., Marietta will join other communities across America in a National Bell Ringing Ceremony. A performance by the Cobb Wind Symphony follows at 2:30 p.m.

Peachtree Station will then perform country music favorites on the bandstand in Glover Park, beginning at 8 p.m. An old-fashioned fireworks display will then cap off the day's festivities 30 minutes after dark. (In case of rain, the fireworks display will take place on July 5.)

You will find free parking for all of these events available in the Cobb County parking deck, which you can enter off Waddell Street, just one block from the square.

For more information on the city's gala July 4 festivities, please call the Marietta Parks and Recreation Department at (770) 794-5807. ⚡

Calendar of Events

July 15 – August 3

"Smoke on the Mountain"

Theatre in the Square

Main Stage

by Allan Bailey and Constance Ray

Call (770) 422-8369 for more information

July 25

Glover Park Concert Series

A1A — Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band

Marietta Square

8 p.m.

Call (770) 794-5601 for more information

August 22

Glover Park Concert Series

Banks & Shane — Light Pop

Marietta Square

8 p.m.

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